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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 99-200

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 10, 2000, I faxed to Sarah Whitesell a copy of an article appearing in the most recent *ATIS News* discussing the recent work of Working Group T1S1.6 of Committee T1 related to thousand block number pooling. A copy of that article and the cover note that accompanied it are attached to this notice.

As required by Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, I am filing two copies of this notice and ask that you place this notification in the record of the proceeding identified above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen B. Levitz

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Attachments

cc: Sarah Whitesell (w/o attachment)

March 10, 2000

Ms. Sarah Whitesell
Sarah:

Attached is an article from the latest ATIS News that describes the technical standards developed by Technical working group T1S1.6 of Committee T1 for "Thousand Block Number Pooling using Number Portability." The citation to the ATIS website where the standards can be found is also included in the article.

Based on our Wednesday conversation about number resource optimization issues, I thought you might find the article of interest.

Kathie

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Technical Requirements on Thousand Block Number Pooling Using Number Portability Released

The assignment of telephone numbers to service providers in blocks of one thousand — as opposed to the current practice of 10,000 number block assignments — could increase the life span of current telephone number resources. A new technical requirement defines the switching system, Number Portability Database (NPDB), and Number Portability Global Title Translation (NP GTT) requirements for thousand block number pooling in number portability-capable wireline networks.

The Technical Requirement (TRQ), entitled "TRQ No. 04 July 1999 — Thousand Block Number Pooling Using Number Portability," was created to provide the switch and database technical requirements necessary to implement thousand block number pooling using number portability as recommended by the ATIS-sponsored Industry Numbering Committee (INC). INC began its study of number pooling in December 1996, and in December 1997 recommended to the North American Numbering Council (NANC) — a federal advisory committee that advises the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on numbering policy issues — that thousand block pooling be implemented. INC's recommendation was an industry effort directed in part by NANC and included the participation of the two NANC Working Groups: the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) and the Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA).

The new technical requirement is issued at a time when consumer requests for new telephone numbers have increased dramatically with the immense market growth for wireless handsets, fax machines, and the demand for Internet access. That demand has strained the availability of telephone numbers within existing area codes, resulting in the introduction of new area codes and the need to conserve the use of ten-digit number resources.

T1S1.6 — a technical working group of Committee T1 — developed the requirements for the TRQ No. 4 report. The working group examined the assignment of numbers to service providers using thousand block number pooling in number portability-capable wireline networks. Number portability enables customers to switch their telephone service to another exchange carrier serving the same rate center and keep their existing telephone number(s).

- TRQ No. 04 is the fourth in a series of technical documents about number portability. The first three requirements were published earlier this year and are as follows:
- TRQ No. 01 April 1999 — Number Portability Operator Services Switching Systems
- TRQ No. 02 April 1999 — Number Portability Switching Systems
- TRQ No. 03 April 1999 — Number Portability Database and Global Title Translation

Copies of these documents are available through the ATIS website at www.atis.org. ■

Technical Report to Serve as Reference for Telecommunications Connector Wiring Configurations

technical report defining connector wiring configurations at the telecommunications network-to-customer installation interface was recently released by Committee T1.

"Technical Report (TR) No. 5: Network and Customer Installation Interface Connector Wiring Configuration Catalog" is a comprehensive catalog that serves as a reference for the various telecommunications connector wiring configurations that are used at the Network Interface (NI) and on customer premises to interconnect telecommunications terminal equipment. The connector wiring configurations in this catalog include those specified by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), carrier technical references, and standards approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

This latest report is a newly revised version of TR No. 5 (August 1999) and replaces all previous TR No. 5 reports. The document is open to periodic revisions, due to rapid changes in technology. It is a popular reference used by local exchange carriers, connector suppliers, telecommunications terminal equipment manufacturers, Part 68 registrants, telecommunications managers and consultants, and those responsible for the design, installation, and maintenance of telecommunications wiring in commercial buildings and residences.

The document was prepared by T1E1.1, the Technical Subcommittee (TSC) T1E1 Working Group on Physical Interconnection and Analog Access. Copies of the technical report are available through the ATIS website at www.atis.org. ■